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IN 84170

TO IMMEDIATE

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1. I AM VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARA 3 OF REF WITH REGARD TO AIRCRAFT MARKINGS. FIRST OF ALL, IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER TO FLY AN UNMARKED AIRCRAFT FROM THIS LOCATION SINCE THE LAUNCH POINT IS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF BASE OPERATIONS AND VIRTUALLY IN FULL VIEW OF THE ENTIRE BASE. SINCE IT IS NECESSARY TO ROLL THE BIRD OUT OF THE HANGAR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR PRIOR TO LAUNCH FOR FUELING; ETC., WE CAN EXPECT A GOOD SIZED GALLERY FOR THE TAKEOFF, BASED UPON PAST OPERATIONS FROM THIS LOCATION. EVEN IF WE CAN DEVISE A METHOD OF COVERING UP THE INSIGNIA, I BELIEVE THE UNVEILING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LAUNCH WILL FOCUS FAR MORE ATTENTION TO THE AIRPLANE THAN LEAVING IT UNCOVERED. THE [] MARKINGS WILL UN- QUESTIONABLY CAUSE CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION ON THE PART OF BASE PERSONNEL AS WELL AS THE CARRIER AND OTHER SURFACE VESSELS BERTHED

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ADJACENT TO OUR OPERATING AREA.

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2. ASSUME PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 3 REF HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH THE

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[REDACTED]
3. IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THE ABSENCE OF LEGAL SIZED INCONSPICIOUS MARKINGS REFERRED TO IN REF WOULD PRESENT AS GREAT A RISK AS THE POSSIBILITY OF SURFACING THIS OPERATION DUE TO HIGH EXPOSURE

TO NAVY PERSONNEL [REDACTED] WHO ARE UNQUESTIONABLY GOING TO SEE THE AIRPLANE.

4. IF HQS FEELS COMPELLED TO USE [REDACTED] MARKINGS WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS THAT COULD BE PROVIDED ON MASKING AND UNVEILING OPERATION WITH FUSELAGE COLORED MATERIAL.

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5. UNLESS ADVISED OTHERWISE, WE PROPOSE TO FLY A TWO-HOUR ORIENTATION HOP WITH TAKEOFF AT 20/0100Z; HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO MARKINGS ON THE AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME. WE FEEL THAT LOCAL FLIGHT FOR

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[REDACTED] WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL DUE TO G MODEL DIFFERENCES, LOCAL TERRAIN FEATURES, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COUPLED WITH PROBABLE WX.

6. THE OPS ORDER FOR THIS EXERCISE WAS PUBLISHED APPROX 9 DAYS AGO AND AS OF THIS TIME WE HAVE NO ANNEX F COVER STORY FOR THE LOCAL AREA OR OPERATIONAL MISSIONS. DUE TO THE UNUSUAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, HAD ASSUMED THIS WOULD BE SPELLED OUT IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL.

END OF MESSAGE

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